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The Scandinavian Saucer Scare

By V.S. Jonsson

Like twin darts glinting in the moonlight, the two Draken jet fighters hurtled through the night sky. The two pilots were tense and ready at their controls. Ground radar stations were directing them toward an intruder in the dark reaches of the stratosphere up ahead and the two fighter pilots understandably sensed that they were racing headlong into danger.

"Target's speed is 600, course 290."

The voice boomed in all three. Larsson's earphones. At the controls of his lead Saab J 35F-1 Draken, squinting ahead into the night, Larsson wished the voice sounded more human. Ground-based radar controllers always came over the airwaves sounding emotionless and mechanical, and that added to your apprehension when they were ordering you into action. Larsson knew that the second Draken pilot, Lt. Sven Ranland, shared his feeling of menace. To that voice on the ground, the target was merely a flickering pinpoint on a scope. To Larsson and Ranland, it was an unknown threat, looming ahead.

"Target's course now 280, distance four miles..."

"We don't see it yet," Larsson bellowed into the throat mike wedged beneath his oxygen mask. The night sky ahead was a yawning black mass. "We're negative on visual contact."

"...distance three miles... Report contact."

Larsson cursed beneath his breath. The sky ahead was dark and vacant. The two Drakens, belonging to Swerter's 10th Light Fighter Wing at Uppsala, just north of Stockholm,

had made Larsson angry to have a grounding telling him what should be happening.

"That's negative," he protested. "We can't see anything up here."

Those were very nearly the last words of the young fighter pilot's life.

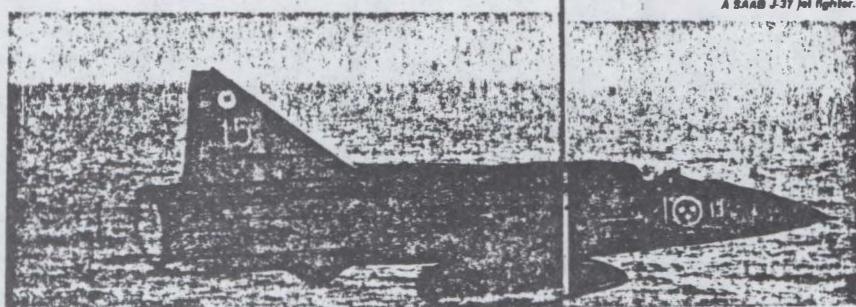
Suddenly, the night exploded. Blinding light filled the sky in front of the two Draken jets. Larsson blinked, drawing his head back involuntarily. There seemed to be a vast, open area of artificial daylight expanding endlessly

In front of him. He blinked again. At the center of the piercing yellow glare was an object.

His wingman, Lieutenant Ranland, cried out in astonishment. "That's a space ship or something!"

As he closed in, Larsson firehosed a dutch lake and realized that he was bearing down on an enormous, cylinder-shaped flying craft which was surrounded by an intense yellow-white mass of light, a kind of force field which spread across the heavens.

Swedish Air Force pilots have engaged in a high-speed chase with a glowing UFO and in other reported incidents around the country, UFOs split out a strange chemical goo which held witnesses firmly in their places.



Editorial

TOO MUCH FREEDOM - AND TOO LITTLE

This issue has two main articles which - we discovered this when "putting the pieces together" - reflect the problems of two different kind of societies: What level of freedom should be given to people who want to publish results of UFO research?

Should we follow the American 'capitalist' model, and allow anything even if it was false data under the label of true, documented research?..

...or should we praise the Soviet 'communist' way of suppressing all amateur interest in, and publishing of, UFO data?

To me that choice is simple. In the Soviet Union I would have no chance to publish this newsletter, nor to privately collect much of the data that goes into it. In the American society, on the other hand, I would have the chance to publish even critical denials of other's "data". Maybe that denial would not reach the readership of the primary source (as may be the case of the false UFO Report article presented in this issue), but no doubt a handful of responsible publishers/researchers would listen, and send the message on. In the Soviet Union you would have very few chances of even raising your voice, and if you were persistent enough you would (like Juri Lina, interviewed in this issue) be threatened by a long-term visit to a Siberian labour-camp.

From that it seems a minor problem that there are researchers, here in Sweden, who think there is information on UFO phenomena that should not be published because the data does not agree with their opinion of UFOs as friendly "messengers of the Gods". It is unfortunate that moralists might well be the future controllers of computerized data banks, and decide on what cases should be "admitted" for study, or not!

Anders Liljegren

**Warning!
a fake!**

At its center, the mysterious cylinder was at least 1,000 feet long and resembled a steeply-hued torpedo — except that it seemed to have portholes arranged in two neat rows along its sides.

Though the craft had been tracked on radar, this enormous field of light had come on only as the two Draken jets approached — triggered by some alien intelligence inside the craft. The "flying torpedo," as Nik Larsson would later think of it, must derive some protection from that force field. Yet it seemed oblivious to the two jets, gliding past in front of them — mocking them. There was no sign of a propulsion outlet, no exhaust, suggesting a source of power unknown to Lieutenant Larsson.

Larsson's thumb was on his trigger. He lifted it away and threw the jet into a

A SAAB J-37 jet fighter.

sudden, gut-wrenching turn to avoid a collision.

On the radio airwaves, the two Swedish Interceptor pilots now exchanged the kind of frenetic dialogue that can come only between panicked, frightened men caught up in a close encounter.

RANLAND: That sure as hell isn't a Russian bomber. No wings, no tail. Never seen anything like it.

LARSSON: Don't get inside that field of light! Don't!

RANLAND: I'm turning behind you.

LARSSON: You said it, not me. That's a space ship!

The ground controller was strangely silent but, unknown to the two men, two more J-35F-1 Drakens were being scrambled from Uppsala to back them up.

It had to be that why neither man had used the term UFO, or even thought of it. But their radio chatter was being monitored. And in Sweden, military leaders take the subject of UFOs very seriously.

"Report on the target's characteristics... Report..."

Larsson was dumbfounded. He gawked, in disbelief, at the light-enshrouded "torpedo." He was flying parallel to it now, no more than half a mile away, and he had an odd feeling of being watched as he swept his gaze along its sleek, streamlined features.

The thought hit him, the thought of being in history. This could be the first documented encounter between human beings and extraterrestrial intelligence.

Follow-up

THE SCANDINAVIAN SAUCER SCARE
THAT NEVER EXISTED...

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"Other magazines print some outlandish stories but I have never seen these types of stories in UFO REPORT".

Reader's letter in UFO Report,
November 1979 issue.

How much can we rely on what is written in those journals, newsletters and books that constitute "international UFO literature"?. During the 1970s I have become increasingly critical of all sources, especially those where one could suspect that the author - or publisher - has made a considerable financial gain from what he puts out. Hoaxes or false stories could crop up in any source but most likely in commercially produced magazines, or media published by people whose will-to-believe is far greater than their will-to-investigate. Reliability also decreases with distance and lack of confirmation from independent sources. In American magazines, in particular, where the drive to earn money is far greater than in other parts of the world, you could easily find dozens of suspicious "stories" - reports that have gone unconfirmed by other more reliable sources such as the major investigation networks APRO, MUFON or CUFOS. Those suspect stories are most often signed by authors unknown to investigation circles of ufology, pen-names or "ufologists" whose reputation for honest and truthful reporting could be better. It is obviously very easy to fool magazine editors...or even to fool yourself...

Would non-Swedes put credence in a sensationalized, but clever, mixture of about half-a-dozen fantastic Swedish "first-hand cases" reputedly "investigated" and "documented" by Swedish experts? Some would, but a small wise and knowledgeable fraction - who had seen no Swedish confirmation whatsoever - would be sceptical.

If you bought the October 1980 issue of the American newsstand magazine UFO Report (1) you were teased, on the colourful front-page, to read about "UFOs over Sweden - documented report of Air Force jets' supersonic saucer chase". You would then read the story inside and be treated with a series of highly plausible incidents. There are documented reports of Swedish jet pilots seeing UFOs (2), there are Swedish policemen who have had sightings (3), and there was indeed (so we believe) a rather nasty abduction attempt at Domsten, Sweden in December 1958 (4), as is claimed in the article, but still almost every line of the UFO Report report is fabricated data!!!

You don't have to spend a week investigating "the sources". Any knowledgeable Swedish ufologist would immediately recognize the story for what it's worth. But you others...those of you who do not know about Swedish ufologists and UFO report history, those of you who are not familiar with Swedish geography or Swedish newspapers - would you suspect a hoax when you read about "incidents" at locations you had heard about and easily find on the map, "incidents" "reported" by "people" whose names you recognize as sounding Swedish...? Would you suspect that an unscrupulous writer would put never-said statements in the mouth of one of Scandinavia's most respected UFO experts...

NO NEED FOR LAUGHS...

"The Scandinavian Saucer Scare" as Y.S.Jonsson's article is titled, is nothing but an elaborate hoax

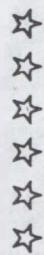
on ufology. I will show this without doing much investigation. If I investigated further with some of the reported sources - such as some Swedish defence authorities - I would probably get one or two good laughs. People outside of ufology would have another millstone to put on our already weak necks...

Reports of Swedish jet fighters chasing UFOs have been persistent, both from ground witnesses and from a few puzzled pilots who dared to come of the secrecy. The UFO Report story claims, however, that on Dec 11, 1978 two Draken fighters from the F-16 wing of the Swedish Air Force, at Uppsala, chased a torpedo-shaped UFO over the Baltic, an object which was also detected and followed by ground radar. The chase resulted, so it is claimed, in a near-collision and a rather panicky conversation on the radio. The pilots, unlike most down-to-earth Swedish defence pilots, were certain they had encountered a "space ship"...

THE STOCKHOLM INTERVIEW THAT NEVER TOOK PLACE...

Author "Y.S.Jonsson", whoever that is, says it took him "27 phone calls, two beers and a long-overdue favor" before he could meet one of the pilots at a Stockholm restaurant (...non-existent in the telephone directory..), where he got his "exclusive" story, promising not to reveal the true identity of one of the witnesses-pilots. A "watered-down" version of the incident was reportedly published in "Aftondagbladet" (...strangely there is, and has never been, as Swedish newspaper by that name...) on Dec. 13, 1978. I checked the extensive files of Archives for UFO research (AFU), which contains some 15.000 Swedish UFO press-clippings arranged chronologically. There was not one single line about any UFO-encounter in any Swedish paper that day. (Since 1970 a commercial Stockholm bureau cuts everything about UFOs from the Swedish press and they very seldom miss out a chance to earn money...)

The pilots, upon landing, were - says "Y.S.Jonsson" - greeted by a staff officer from "Försvarsets Expeditions" (a ridiculous name which does not mean "Supreme Command" as claimed...) and hushed-up after a "45-minute highly technical briefing". NICAP's "Jim Sullivan" (...ever heard of him...) tried to investigate the case via the "then prime minister Olaf Palme" (...Palme had lost the Swedish 1976 election and was not prime minister in 1978-79...) but failed to receive a reply (which is no surprise even if the "Sullivan" letter ever existed..).



agreed to an interview on the condition that certain details of his identity, and that of his fellow Draken pilot, be disguised slightly. They have been. The incident has been confirmed through other Swedish military personnel at Uppsala, but the preceding account would not have been possible without Larsson's help.

Of course, there could have been a pilot/UFO encounter over the Baltic on Dec. 11, 1978. Making inquiries with defence authorities would, naturally, lead to denials even if there was one small ounce of truth to this highly sensationalized report, which I sincerely doubt there is...

The "Jonsson" story continues by reporting about other "thoroughly documented evidence that hostile(!) intruders have been paying special attention to Swedish skies"!! For instance, on March 3, 1976, artillery officers "reported seven disc-shaped objects ...during a field exercise at Luleå". The Incident was widely reported in the press, not merely in Sweden but by United Press International"... (Not so, there is not one line of print about the "incident" in the Swedish press archives of AFU, and I congratulate any international researcher who's able to find anything from UPI in his local newspapers...) Similarly it is claimed that on Sept. 1 1977 a Linjeflyg Fokker F-28 jetliner was "buzzed by a lone UFO" and had a near mid-air collision. (Of course, no press reports, no rumours in ufo-gist circles, nothing to support the claim...)

- ★ enlisted men who gazed at the sheer-white, cavorting discs for an extended time complained of "bizarre" mental sensations. One man said he felt the saucers were trying to communicate by telepathy but "didn't know the language" and "created some disturbing blocks in my head." These sightings were intermittent for several hours and widely reported in the press, not merely in Sweden but by United Press International.

THE DOMSTEN MISREPRESENTATION

"Jonsson" breaks his ridiculous reptition of non-events with something that really happened - but not as "Jonsson" says! While witness's names and place-of-occurrence - as well as the date - are correct for the 1958 Domsten abduction attempt, not much else is true. For instance the alien creatures were not "throwing goo" at Stig Rydberg and Hans Gustavsson, the witnesses. For a correct version of this interesting case please check out one of the Lorenzen books (4). I will not bother you with all the details-in-fault here. A similar "report", by the "Jonsson" pen, of a UFO"spitting forth chemical goo" in the seaport of Gothenburg is nothing but a saga. No Swede has ever heard about that one...

Finally comes the "report" from "Criminal Inspector Lennart Hellberg", driving between Stockholm and Norrtälje (...there is another wellknown case where the percipients were driving that particular road, what a co-incidence...). The problem with the "Hellberg" case is that, while driving this road his UFO encounter occurred "only a few kilometers from Västerås, site of Sweden's most important jet fighter base". I advise the reader to fetch a detailed map of Sweden. You will then discover that while driving from Stockholm to Norrtälje you could not possibly come near to Västerås. You will never be less than about 80 kilometres, as the crow flies, from Västerås! "Jonsson" further maintains that "Hellberg" was interviewed by Svenska Dagbladet on Jan. 7, 1980. Maybe so, but the interview was never published and the matter has never been raised in any Swedish newspaper. There are no Swedish sources at all for this "report" and we at AFU are definitely in a position-to-know!

UFOLOGISTS THAT NEVER EXISTED...

Mingled into "Jonsson's" article are names and facts about Swedish ufology that match reality, but also quite impossible claims. On several points "Jonsson" refers to K. Gösta Rehn, APRO representative for Sweden. Rehn was not an active UFO investigator in 1978. Several months before the claimed Draken/UFO encounter Rehn, more or less, gave up ufology while turning over most of his collection and data to the AFU archives. Today Rehn is 90 years of age and almost blind. He is definitely not a "saucer-watcher" as claimed, but a serious ex-investigator who would be very much offended by "Jonsson's" attempts to put words into his mouth. Rehn published two Swedish books in 1966 and 1969 - true - but had not his "third due to print in 1981" as "Jonsson" claims. Rehn's third book was released in 1972 and his fourth, and final one, in 1976. The -72 book is available in a slightly re-edited English version (5). Rehn is the only Scandinavian researcher featured in Ronald D. Story's Encyclopedia of UFOs (page 300).

- ★ 3,000 persons from all walks of life belong to the private research group called UFO Sverige (UFO Sweden), the local counterpart of APRO, NICAP, and MUFON. One of them, college professor Lars Sundlin, has assembled affidavits from witnesses in more than 100 sightings. "I've never glimpsed a saucer myself," Sundlin acknowledges.

Other Swedish "researchers" are cited: "College professor Lars Sundlin has assembled affidavits from witnesses in more than 100 sightings"... We are quite impressed to learn that we have such a "star" among Swedish ufologist - unknowingly! It is claimed that Sundlin (or Sundin) is a member of the UFO-Sweden organization. I checked with their membership registry, but Sundlin/Sundin is not to be found in the card index of about 9,000 Swedes who, at one time or another, showed an interest in ufology. No report has ever been published by that "man" in Swedish literature.

Another non-existent person is "Göran Lindqvist", ufologist and author of a book, according to "Jonsson". A few years ago AFU published a 144-page bibliography of Swedish UFO literature where Göran Lindqvist is strangely absent... The author also mention Börje Nilsson as being the editor of a "highly animated monthly magazine". Yes, there was one Börje Nilsson who was responsible for two or three issues of "Flygande tefat", a colourful comic-book representation of the American type, bought from "Western Publishing Co. Inc, Racine, Wisconsin, USA", translated and released by the non-serious publishing house Semic Press. Translating these comic strip representations of well-known foreign cases

- ★ Other incidents, including face-to-face meetings with humanoid creatures, have been thoroughly reported in books by Rehn and ufologist Göran Lindqvist.

hardly qualify Börje Nilsson as a "researcher"! Need I say that neither "Göran Lindqvist" nor Börje Nilsson are found in the UFO-Sweden registry of ufologists..?

And so it is... There was no serious UFO wave in Sweden during the 1976-80 period (..."almost everybody in Sweden, especially in military circles, knows about the UFO wave"....), there was no "scare", no general fear about UFOs during those years. Not more than during the preceding years. There were genuine cases that puzzled authorities, but those cases were never reported by UFO Report, or by "Jonsson".

Who is "Y.S. Jonsson"? I don't know. I doubt that he will ever step forward, but I will send this article to him via Stephen Ciacciarelli - associate editor of UFO Report - who has promised to forward my opinion. I also hope that UFO Report, which has earned a fairly good reputation, will not accept further "data" from this source or any other source who comes up with strangely unconfirmed foreign data.

"Jonsson" might be an American who studied the literature and made up plausible claims by mixing names and places he found in articles on Swedish UFOs & ufology for instance by John A. Keel. He could even be a money-thirsty Swede who didn't manage to tell his story so well. If he is a Swede the article is very "weak", unless it was "designed" and "planted" as a test of the seemingly non-existent reality tests some publications and ufologists employ when they choose their data. In any case it is another serious warning against accepting unverified cases from far-off places, anywhere in the world.

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Interview

JURI LINA -
UFOLOGIST - DISSIDENT

Håkan Blomqvist

Freedom of speech and opinion is something most of us in Scandinavia have become accustomed to. But what we take for granted are for others a dream only. This Interview with Juri Lina, age 32, Estonian journalist and ufologist was made in December 1981. It gives a frightful picture of the way nonconformists are treated in totalitarian states. Mr. Lina is a brave man and we wish him all the best here in Sweden.

Juri
Lina



First a classic question. What started your active interest in UFOs?

It began in 1969-70. On Nov 2, 1969 I observed a cigar-shaped object from which emerged three or four shining spheres. We were three witnesses to this incident.

Did you know anything about UFOs before this observation?

Yes, I was very intrigued by the mystery. In 1967-68 Soviet authorities published several articles on UFOs and some were translated in Estonian newspapers. In 1970 I began my first field investigations. Other young people came to me and talked about UFOs and asked for books. At the time I only had two underground books in Estonian. One of them was 'De flygande tefaten' by K. Gösta Rehn, translated from Finnish to Estonian and Samisdat-printed. I also contacted Tunne Kelam who wrote articles on UFOs in local newspapers. He told me there was something like one hundred Estonian cases and from him I borrowed books and other material. I was deeply fascinated by all this and started a small underground publishing house to print Samisdat literature on UFOs, in secrecy.

Didn't you fear your activities would be discovered?

Yes, we were very afraid of the authorities and I used the pseudonym Tuulo Ellis in print. We received very few books from abroad but lots of magazines which were easier to smuggle by mail. Books didn't always reach us. Most of the material we received from Finland. Our information-net increased, we had contacts with people from Moscow, Ukraine, Leningrad,

Lettland, Lithuania, Finland and Sweden. Material posted in Sweden never reached us. It had to be shipped via Finland. Our publishing grew, we printed books on parapsychology and philosophy.

How long could you keep up this activity without interference from the KGB?

About two or three years. Several people in our group were interested in philosophy and some had become vegetarians, and teetotalers.

How did the KGB find you?

Somehow they found out there were some young people gathering who didn't drink and who had peculiar philosophical ideas. They started questioning my friends about what I was up to as I was the leader of the group. My friends warned me and mentioned the KGB visits. I now had to be very careful. Very little material was kept in my apartment. If someone wished to borrow a book I told him: be at my place at this date and hour precisely and the book will be there.

But on April 2, 1975, I woke up and noticed some men who tried to enter the front door of my house. I immediately realised it was the KGB and hurriedly burned dangerous letters and documents. They came to search my apartment and started enquiring about my UFO interest. UFOs exist only in the West, not here, they said. You are not to tell anyone about UFOs. If you persist we will make it impossible for you to live here in Estonia. Also you don't drink, this is not good. You must have religious reasons.

They were afraid of your philosophy?

Yes, they thought of me as religious. After this visit I couldn't get anything published in Estonia. All editors refused my articles. That was the end of my journalist career. Instead I took a part time job transporting cattle to Central Asia. When I came back from this job I was called to the police. They asked about my income as I didn't write anything. I told them I was blacklisted by the KGB. You must have a mental problem to believe in such things, we will put you in a mental hospital, they said. Then I started quoting Marx and Lenin and they were confused of my knowledge. To put an end to my strange ideas hard work was the best they thought. I started working as a nightwatch.

But you didn't stop writing?

No, I smuggled articles to Finland and also published some in Estonia, using my friends names. They got the money and gave them to me. But this was no solution to my problems. Sooner or later I would be discovered and imprisoned, perhaps in a mental institution. In the USSR they can send you to prison if you haven't been working for two months. The second time this happens you are sent to Siberia.

Do you know if any Russian UFO-researchers have been imprisoned?

Yes, there was a man in Minsk, Veacheslav Zaitsev (1). We had much contact in 1976-77. In 1978 he stopped writing and I heard from Moscow he had been sent to Siberia for five years. Religious propaganda they called it. He had been quoting the Bible in his UFO research!

How did you escape from Estonia?

Well, I realised my situation was getting more and more dangerous. In 1978 my friends from Finland helped me. They sent a Finnish girl to me and we were married. The marriage was only a front of course. I didn't know if this would succeed but possibly the authorities were tired of my activities. With me gone they could easily disrupt the group. I did receive permission to leave my country and arrived in Helsinki April 2, 1979. There I started writing about human rights in the East. My friends in Finland warned me of these activities and in July 1979 I moved to Sweden.

Are you publishing articles in Sweden now?

Very few. Most of my material goes to the USA. (2)

Have you been contacted by the KGB in Sweden?

I was invited to USA, Canada and West Germany to relate my experiences and talk about human rights

in the East. One evening after listening to a speech by a Russian dissident in Stockholm, a KGB man came up to me and said if you don't stop your activities you will be killed, and he hit me. I also noticed another man but they couldn't do anything as several witnesses arrived. That was in February 1981.

How does it feel coming to Sweden from Estonia? It's like another planet. You don't realise how happy you are here in Sweden. A big surprise for me was all the books available, no books are forbidden.

In spite of all your hardships you mentioned something about feeling protected...?

Yes, it related to a UFO experience I had on Nov 24, 1974. This was a Sunday evening and I felt very restless. A strong urge to visit a secluded place in the woods made me call two friends and we drove off to our old observation post. When we arrived there was a strange red light above the trees. Not a clear light but a diffused glow. We went to our familiar spot and immediately felt like being watched. After a short while the surroundings were illuminated in an unknown way and our bodies felt taller or bigger.

This happened in the night?

It was dark but around us everything became brighter and brighter and there was a definite increase in temperature. About half an hour past midnight

we heard a noise like when you strike a match, but much stronger. From the east came a green ball of light passing about two meters above our heads.

How big was it?

From a half to one meter in diameter. We all shouted UFO, UFO. It passed us and disappeared into nowhere after about 100 meters.

Was the light in the woods still there?

No, it disappeared some ten minutes before the ball of light passed.

You were not afraid?

No, we felt very happy, it was a positive experience. After this all three of us have had an inner feeling of being protected, like nothing evil can reach us.

What do you think it was you saw?

Perhaps some apparatus from a UFO. They wanted us to have proof we were noticed. After this experience I had no real deep fear of the authorities. An inner voice told me to be calm. When the time is right I will escape from the USSR, I thought.

What about close encounters in Estonia and the USSR?

I have published two cases in FSR. From Nikita Schnee I heard of a close encounter involving a Russian officer. This happened outside Moscow in June 1978. The humanoids this man met told him: We know a lot about you. If you start a war that becomes dangerous to the planet we will interfere and stop you. They also mentioned catastrophes in the near future. (3)

What is the present UFO situation in the USSR?

There has been a general increase in reports and the authorities are worried of the consequences. They want them to go away. In Moscow there is a man, an academic who works as chief censor. His name is Migulin. He reads all articles on UFOs before they are published. But more and more articles have filtered through lately. (4)

How many cases have you investigated personally?

About thirty. There is something like 200 documented cases from Estonia.

What do you believe about UFOs?

Personally I think they are interplanetary, but possibly also inter-dimensional. I don't believe they originate on this planet.

How many books have you written?

Twenty-three, but only one has been published, in Finland. It is about UFO research in the USSR. I have also written about parapsychology and mysteries generally.

Will you continue your UFO research here in Sweden?

Yes, but so far I have only held a few speeches. I still don't know many Swedish ufologists.

Notes:

1. This is in fact the man, wellknown to Western researchers, who authored a 1967 article in Sputnik (see bibliography in this issue).
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Exchanges

Amendments to our exchange mailing list:

- o Argus, new address: Gävleborgs UFO-Förening, Box 282, S-801 04 Gävle.
- o The Crystal Ball, P.O.Box 4080, Torrance, CA 90510, USA. (Received 82-03-23).
- o CUFOS Associate Newsletter has become bi-monthly from 1982.
- o CUFOS Bulletin will no longer be published. Summer-82 issue will be the last.
- o International UFO Reporter, is - since January 1982 - "back in business" as an independent journal from Center for UFO Studies, P.O.Box 1402, Evanston, Ill 60204. For two years IUR has been a part of, first Probe, then Frontiers of Science. Frontiers of Science will continue as an independent journal.
- o The SBI Report, Scientific Bureau of Investigation, 23 MacArthur Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10312, USA. (Received 82-03-18).
- o Secrets, Rt. 4, Box 156, Marshall, Ark. 72650, USA. (Received 82-03-15).
- o Skywatch published by MAPIT and UFO Insight from FUFOR, will both cease publication at the turn of 1981/82 and will be replaced by OSEAP Journal and Centre Update, two twice-yearly publications from Organization for Scientific Evaluation of Aerial Phenomena (OSEAP), which is the new joint research body and "resources centre" formed by FUFOR, MAPIT and researcher Anthony Pace.
- o UFO, will be the simple name of a new Norwegian publication to replace Rapportnytt, UFO-Norge-Nytt and Internett UFO Forum since Norsk UFO Center and UFO-Norge have decided to join forces. No details or address at present.

Reports

FARMER "SUNBURNED" BY MYSTERIOUS DAZZLING LIGHT, IN 1948

Farmer Gunnar Andersson from Ervalla, near Örebro, tells how he on November 10, at 2225 hours, was on his way home from a committee meeting in the local church school when he was the recipient of a very strange incident.

Some 200 metres from home he suddenly found himself in an ocean of dazzling, white light. It was a light-cone some 40 metres broad with sharply defined outer edges, which surrounded him for a while. His hat seemed to raise from his head and likewise felt his hair. It was like a hot summer-wind passing by.

After the phenomenon had disappeared he went home. In the morning no one believed his story although he showed them the "sun tan" he had developed during the night.

The report must be taken with a certain amount of scepticism, says science. Professor Lindblad of

the Stockholm observatory thinks that a matter-of-fact opinion on the phenomenon is hardly possible. It is probably the first time in history that such an effect has been caused by a meteor. It seems likely that the light should have been some kind of searchlight, but this doesn't explain the appearance of the "sun tan".

Source: Smålands Dagblad (dally), Dec 31, 1948, page 1.

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Nils Roland Östlund, Gävle, who filled up our collection of Gävleborgs UFO-förening's newspaper "Argus". Please send us a copy if you have any.

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Total 485:-. Thank you!

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Vid slutet av 1981 stöds Arkivet för UFO-forsknings (AFU) av 72 personer (förra året 75). Med den good-will stiftelsen arbetat upp under åren borde det vara möjligt att öka antalet stödjande och prenumeranter på AFU:s nyhetsblad, men detta måste ställas i relation till det administrativa merarbetet som otvivelaktigt skulle följa. Mycket av vad vi under åren lagt ned på uppbyggnad av AFU hade inte varit möjligt om vi samtidigt satsat på brett upplagd information om vår verksamhet, ambitiös tidskriftsutgivning eller olika omfattande "samarbetsprojekt". Så länge det aktiva arbetet i AFU vilar på 3-4 personer måste verksamheten vara anpassad därefter. Vår huvudinriktning är bliblioteksvärsamheten med de aktiviteter som naturligt hör till denna: bibliografisk forskning, källkritiska studier, dokumentation, registrering av inkommande böcker, tidskrifter och artiklar, referensservice till forskare, internationella kontakter, o.s.v.. Denna specialisering är AFU:s röda tråd och vi bedömer det så att allmän tillgång till nämnda tjänster är en viktig förutsättning för forskning på UFO-problematikens område.

Antalet lån från biblioteket steg under året till 163 (f.å. 42), var till kommer ett växande antal forskningsupdrag och kopieringar ur samlingen. Genom en fin insats av Sven-Olov Svensson har AFU kunnat exponera lånematerial minst en gång per vecka, vilket ökat omsättningen på bibliotekets material. Vårt mål är att - på sikt - kunna utföra en del av de tjänster "dokumentationscentraler" normalt utför, men 1981 har vi i stor utsträckning fått ägna åt att få en grundordning i samlingen, och detta arbete är ännu inte helt slutfört.

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Lokalen i Norrköping har under 1981 fått en nästan fördubblad hyllkapacitet, så att behovet av utrymme för kommande utökningar är väl tillgodosett. Ett påtagligt "hot" är en eventuell framtid hyreshöjning som, enligt beräkningar, skulle 3-dubbla vår nuvarande hyra. Flera projekt har diskuterats för att förankra AFU:s ekonomi i den verklighet vi troligen tvingas leva med i framtiden:

Importbokhandel av kvalitetslitteratur är ett exempel, men lönsheten här motiverar förmodligen inte den personliga och ekonomiska satsningen. En annan idé, med större bärkraft, är att vidareutveckla utgivningen av egna arbeten, t.ex. en fortsättning av Svensk UFO-bibliografi 1946-75. Detta hindras mer av brist på tid än av ekonomiska skäl.

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Elektricitet	2.3
Hyllor och inredning	13.4
Kontorsmat. och administration	4.8
Kostnadsfört -80, betalat -81	5.1
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*) En större del portoavgifter i samband med boklån har ej bokförts under året.

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LOCKET PÅ...

Den amerikanska federala appellationsdomstolen i Washington avslag den 3 november förra året - efter ovanligt snabb behandling - ett krav från Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) att NSA (National Security Agency) skulle lämna ut 130 hemligstämplade dokument. Domstolens ledamöter hade fått special-tillstånd att läsa NSA:s 21-sidiga motivering för att dokumenten borde förblifft hemliga, "av nationella säkerhetsskäl", som det heter. Peter Gersten, CAUS' advokat, fick under hearingen intycket att myndigheterna tar UFO-ämnet "på stort allvar".

Källa: CUFOS Associate Newsletter, Dec 81, s.6.

SVENSKA FLYGVAPNETS EGEN UFO...

Läsare av den tyska tidskriften UFO-Nachrichten drabbas av många osorterade, okritiska artiklar och notiser från när och fjärran. I samband med det svensk-ryska ubåtsdramat i höstas återgav en tysk tidning en bild av den grundstötta U-137 där man ovanför densamma kunde iaktta ett "mystiskt flygande föremål" i form av två på varandra staplade trianglar. Aha, tänkte Karl Velt och hans något godtroagna redaktionskollegor på UFO-Nachrichten - en ny typ av UFO! Kunskapen om flygplanstyperna i det svenska flygvapnet (alla behöver ju inte köpa amerikanskt...) var dock något större hos en medarbetare i den lilla konkurrent-föreningen CENAP. För visst var det en Vigg som svävade över ubåten - den gängen!

Källa: CENAP-Report nr 71, s 20.

MEDICINSKA STUDIER I NYTT PROJEKT

Dr. Rickard C. Niemtzow, som är läkare vid en amerikansk flygbas i Kalifornien, har påbörjat ett 2-årigt projekt för att samla data om medicinska effekter av UFO-upplevelser. Målet är att samla uppgifter från minst 12 händelser där fysiologiska symptom uppstått hos observatörer. Vissa grundkrav ställs, t.ex. att en undersökning av patienten omedelbart görs av dennes ordinarie läkare, vissa blod- och urinprov tas, röntgenbilder samt foton av eventuella skador.

Källor: MUFON UFO Journal, Nov 81, s. 6, m.fl.

EN RADIOSTÖRNING - AV VAD?

Kl 13.15 onsdagen den 27 januari sändes i PI en repris av den UFO-dokumentär Jan Eriksson sammanställt - ett alldelvis utmärkt program! I avsikt att banda programmet för Arkivets samlingar hade jag tagit ledigt från mitt arbete. Strax före kl 14.00, när jag just skulle vända på den C-90 bandkassett jag använde, uppträdde i radion en intensiv störning som även kan avlyssnas på inspelningen. Störningen är i form av en starkt "irriterande" högfrekvent ton (inte helt olik den ton som tidigare hördes i samband med tidssignalen) och den är helt skild från de "rymljud" som då och då hördes i programmet.

Störningarna, som upphörde och återkom flera ggr, registrerades på en alldelvis ny stereoonläggning av märket Rotel, men hördes också samtidigt på en Phillips kassettradio i rummet bredvid. Vid omedelbar kontakt med Stig Aggestad i Eskilstuna konstaterades att störningen ej uppträdde där. Kaknästornet i Stockholm hade ej fått några rapporter om störningar på det svenska sändarnätet den dagen. Personligen tror jag på ett överslag från t.ex. TV-ljudet, men på två apparater samtidigt? Radioexpertis får gärna låna bandet!

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PARASOLL ELLER UFO?

1978 publicerade tidskriften UFO-information en artikel av Carl-Anton Mattsson under rubriken "Hjälmprydda gudar och flygande farkoster!". Under en resa till Sri Lanka hade Carl-Anton påträffat en intressant - men söndervittande - målning i ett tempel i Polonaruva. På målningen ser man Buddha gående nedåt på en stege (eller trappa) och över hans huvud tycks "sväva" något som, enligt Mattsson, liknar "ett diskusformat föremål som inte kan tolkas annat än som ett UFO!"

Riktigt enig i detta är inte Robert Rickard, som uppmärksammat UFO-informations artikel. Rickard utger den mestig informativa Fortean Times. En av FT's flygande reportrar, Ian Will, ombads besöka platsen. Traditionen berättar att Polonaruva-ikonen visar "Buddhas nedförd från Tusita-himlen" och "tefatefet" tolkas av expertisen oftast som ett parasoll, vilket en bakomgående tjänare håller upp över Buddha. Will lokaliseras en likartad Buddhabild från Thailand där man ser Buddha gående nedåt på en himmelsk trappa med ett stillserat, ringformat parasoll över sig. Parasollet bärts av en man bakom och man har svårt att i detta fall tolka föremålet som ett UFO. Vad det är som svävar över Buddha i templet i Polonaruva är nog fortfarande en öppen fråga!

Carl-Anton Mattsson uppger att det aldrig var hans avsikt att parasollet skulle uppfattas som ett UFO. Texten måste ha omarbetats av UFO-informations redaktion så att den fått den innebörd som publicerades. Mattssons motiv att ta upp saken var istället det faktum att Buddha ses vandra ned från himlen på en trappa. Att detta är det intressanta med bilden är således Robert Rickard och Carl-Anton Mattsson rörande eniga om.

Källor: UFO-information nr 4/78, s. 4-5
Fortean Times, nr 36, s. 22-23.

Forskning

KINESISKA STENTALLRIKAR

1967 publicerade den sovjetiske skribenten Vyacheslav Zaitsev (som nu uppges sitta i ett ryskt läger - se Juri Lina-intervjun i detta nr) en historia om att man i Centralasien (Kina/Tibet) år 1938 skulle ha påträffat 716 mystiska granit-talrikar med hieroglyfisk skrift i spiralform från mitten och ut mot kanten. (Sputnik nr 1/67). Historien togs upp 1969 av Erich von Däniken i hans bok Tillbaka från stjärnorna.

FSR:s Gordon Creighton, som är en särdeles språkkunnig man med intresse bl.a. för de här ödsliga trakterna av jordklotet, försökte följa upp saken via diverse tyska, ryska, taiwanesiska och kinesiska organ, men kommade noll. Ingen tycktes veta något. (FSR Jan/Febr 1973, sv.övers. i Arcanum Sept. 1974, A-164).

I Tyskland är intresset för "Prä-astronautik" oerhört stort och varje år kommer så där ett dussintal titlar i ämnet. Skriftställaren Walter-Jörg Langbein är en av de intresserade som under flera år arbetat med de påstådda kinesiska stentavlorna. Även han skrev till en rad kinesiska institutioner - som alla förnekade saken.

Prä-astronautik-författaren Peter Krassa fick höra ett rykte att en handelsresande från Wien fått se stentallrikarna i arkivet hos den kinesiska arkeologiska akademien i Peking och även lyckats ta några polaroid-foton - som han (naturligtvis) aldrig visat för någon... Krassa bordade Peking-planet och stegade själv in på Peking-akademien som (återigen) förnekade allt. Någon arkeolog med namnet Tsum Um Nui - som nämnts i sammanhanget - hade f.o. aldrig funnits. Krassa tog då Moskva-planet och gick till vetenskapsakademien där. Gissa vad? Jo, förnekanden. Krassa besökte UFO-mystikern Kazantsev, som numera också hör till skeptikerna när det gäller den här saken.

Skam den som ger sig, dock. I hemstaden Wien hittade Krassa till slut en "skärva" av bevis. I Völkerkundemuseum finns en år 1957 i Peking utgiven bok om kinesiska utgrävningar. I denna bok fann Krassa ett foto av en rund stentavla med ett hål i mitten. Om det nu är en av de sökta 716 tavorna förtäljer inte historien, men vår tyska källa tycker att stentavlorna är "det tidigaste äkta beviset för att utomjordiska varelser landat på denna planet".

Hum-hum, säger vi.

Källa: Mysteria, nr 10/1981 sid 4-7.

URD = USA:S RAPPORT- O. DATASYSTEM ?

Vid CUFOS-konferensen i Chicago den 25-27 september förra året deltog Bertil Kuhlemann, Sten Lindgren och Bjarne Håkansson från Projekt URD i Stockholm. Kuhlemann utnämnde, på uppdrag av PICUR (den internationella provisoriska UFO-forskningskommittén) J.Allen Hynek till hedersordförande i PICUR. Kuhlemann var även första föredragshållare på konferensen där han berättade om det svenska dataprojektet. I samband med konferensen träffade URD-gruppen ledande företrädare för amerikanska organisationer, ex.vis Fred Merritt som sköter om Center for UFO Studies' egen databank UFOCAT. Svenskarna hade även ett möte med John Schuessler, James McCampbell och Walter Andrus - samtliga med i styrelsen för Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). MUFON fick del av den digra pappersfloden från URD: allmän information, fältundersök- och kodifieringsmanualer - allt numera på engelska.

Källor: CUFOS Associate Newsletter Sept & Nov -81, MUFON UFO Journal, Nov. 1981 och senare utgåvor, m.m.

DANSKA PROJEKT UFODATA

Betydligt längre vad gäller det praktiska arbetet med databearbetning av UFO-rapporter har Per Andersen hos danska SUFOI kommit. Projekt UFODATA har pågått i 5 år och man har nu 272 UFO- och 1071 IFO-rapporter lagrade - till största delen händelser som den danska rapportcentralen mot tog åren 1975-78. Systemet är betydligt enklare än Projekt URDs och syftar både till att vara ett söksystem när man vill ha tag i jämförelsematerial och ett verktyg för statistisk analys.

Per Andersen efterlyser nu idéer till analyser på det danska materialet. Det standardiserade SPSS-paketet av dataprogram används för att t.ex. ta fram korrelationsvärdet och tabeller. Mycket talar för att det danska systemet har framtidens för sig då den relativt enkla, data-anpassade rapportblankett SUFOI tagit fram nu också används i Norge (UFO-Norge tidigare Norsk UFO-Center), Sverige (UFO-Sverige), Tyskland (CENAP), i Finland och på Island, samt av en annan stor dansk UFO-organisation, FUFOS.

Källor: UFO-Nyt nr 5/81, 1/82.